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SUBJECT: JWGTRD MEETING FEBRUARY 3-5. MEETING REPORT

1. SUMMARY-THE JWGTRD MEEGING REVIEWED THE STATUS OF ACTIVITIES WITHIN THE FIVE PRIORITY AREAS ORIGINALLY ESTABLISHED IN NOVEMBER 1974 AND RECOMMENDED FOLLOW ON ACTIVITIES. NEW STARTS OR ADDITIONAL ACTIVITIES WERE RECOMMENDED IN REPAIR AND MAINTENANCE OF LABORATORY EQP. (RENAMED INSTRUMENTATION TECHNOLOGY), WATER RESOURCES MGT. AND TREATMENT/ LAKE NASSER WATER PROBLEMS (INCLUDING ENVIRONMENTAL AND AGRICULTRUAL ASPECTS). COMPLETION OF EXISTING OBLIGATIONS WAS RECOMMENDED IN THE INFORMATION SYSTEMS AND RUILDING MATERIAL/ TECHNOLOGY AREAS. THE US COMPLETED ITS OBLIGATIONS IN THE DESALINATION AREAS BY DELIVERING THE CONCEPTUAL DESIGN OF A 5 MILLION GPD PLANT TO THE GOE. SEVERAL NEW PROJECT AREAS WERE INTRODUCED BY THE EGYPTIAN SIDE, THREE RECEIVING SPECIFIC MENTION OR RECOGNITION IN THE REPORT WERE: TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORTATION, SALT WATER ENCROACHMENT IN NILE DELTA AND USE OF BAGASSE (SUGAR CANE CELLULOSE) AS A SOURCE FOR PAPER PRODUCTION. THE JWGTRD ALSO SET GUIDELINES FOR ESTABLISHING PRIORITIES AMONG PROJECTS AND MORE PRECIDSELY DEFINED ITS OWN FUNCTIONS. THE MTG.

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WAS ADVISED THAT THE US-EGYPT. S AND T AGREEMENT IS EXPECTED

TO RECEIVE FINAL GOE PROCEDURAL CONCURRENCE SHORTLY. THE FULL REPORT OF THE MTG IS BEING FORWARDED BY AIRGRAM.

2. THE MEETING WAS JOINTLY CHAIRED BY DR. HASSAN M. ISMAIL, RECTOR EMERITUS, CAIRO UNIVERSITY AND DR. OSWALD H. GANLEY, ACTG. DEP. ASST. SEC OF STATE (OES/APT). DELEGATIONS FROM BOTH SIDES INCLUDED APPROPRIATE AGENCY AND INSTITUTIONAL INTERESTS; THE EGYPTIANS BEING LISTED AS UNIVERSITY, ACADEMY OR MINISTRIES. THE MEETING PROCEEDED SMOOTHLY. A MINIMUM OF PLENARY SESSIONS WERE HELD, MOST TECHNICAL WORK BEING DONE IN THREE SPECIALIZED SUB-GROUPS:

(A) INSTRUMENTATION TECHNOLOGY AND INFO SYSTEMS;

(B) WATER RESOURCES MSG AND TREATMENT, INCLUDING DESALINATION IN RELATION TO AGRICULTURE AND LAKE NASSER WATER PROBLEMS;

(C) BLDG MATERIALS AND TECHNOLOGY. A FOURTH, INFORMAL, SUBJ GROUP CONSISTING OF DRS. ISMAIL AND DBEDRAN (CAIRO UNIVERSITY) DR. AZZAM (EGYPTIAN EMBASSY WASHINGTON), DR. GANLEY, SCIATT AND AID REP. CONSIDERED PRIORITIES AND FUNCTIONS. AID ALSO PARTICIPATED IN OTHER SUB GROUPS. HIGHLIGHTS OF THE SEVERAL SUB GROUP SESSIONS FOLLOW.

3. INSTRUMENTATION TECHNOLOGY/INFORMATION SYSTEMS

AMONG EIGHT RECOMMENDATIONS, THE COMPLETION OF STEPS NEEDED FOR THE MARCH 6-14 TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER SEMINAR, THE EXTENSION OF ULTRASONICS PROJECTS BEYOND MEDICAL APPLICATIONS AND THE DEVELOPMENT OF AN ASSESSMENT OF THE REMOTE SENSING PROJECT WITH A VIEW TO RELATING TI TO REGIONAL NEEDS RECEIVED PARTICULAR ATTENTION. THE HOLDING OF A SEMINAR ON LASER APPLICATIONS (MEDICAL, COMMUNICATIONS) WAS ALSO RECOMMENDED ALONG WITH THE CONTINUED DEVELOPMENT OF THE SCIENCE AND TECH. INFO SYSTEMS SYMPOSIUM FOR APRIL 1976

4. RIVER NILE/LAKE NASSER WATER RESOURCES

RECOMMENDATIONS FOCUSED ON AUGMENTING EXISTING LAKE NASSER
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PROJECT WITH SEDIMENTATION AND WATER BALANCE STUDIES; DATA ACQUISITION AND PROCESSING ON GROUND WATER RELATING TO NUBIAN ACQUIFER AND NILE DELTA SALINITY LEVELS. US AND EGYPTIAN SIDES CONFIRMED WATER/IRRIGATION CO-CHARIMEN TO TELATE WATER STUDIES TO AGRICULTURAL NEEDS. AN EGYPTIAN MODEL FARM PROPOSAL WAS DISCUSSED. THE US DELIVERED THE CONCEPTUAL DESIGN FOR A 5 MILLION GPD DESALPING PLANT.

5. BUILDING MATERIAL AND TECHNOLOGY

RECOMMENDED THAT PROJECT PROPOSALS ALREADY DEVELOPED BE TESTED AGAINST CRITERIA DEVELOPED IN THE AREAS OF EDUCATION/TRAINING, MATERIALS, METHODS AND TECHNIQUES AND INFO SERVICES TO ESTABLISH PRIORITIES AND TO RELATE THEM TO POTENTIAL SUPPORTING SOURCES IN THE USG AND GOE.

6. TRAFFIC

AGREED TO THE IMPORTANCE OF THE TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORTATION AREA AND ENCOURAGES THE DEVELOPMENT OF APPROPRIATE RESEARCH ACTIVITIES. THE PLANNED VISIT OF AN EXPERT UNDER AID AUSPICES WAS NOTED.

7. FUNCTIONS AND PRIORITY CRITERIA

FOR THE FIRST TIME THE JWGTDR CONSIDERED ITS FUNCTIONS, OTHER THAN PRIORITY SETTING AND PROJECT STIMULATION AS TO FUNCTIONS, THE JWGTDR IS A FORUM FOR, REVIEW COORDINATION, AND DISCUSSION. IT CAN ESTABLISH PRIORITIES, DEVELOP PROGRAMS/PROGRAM AREAS, ENCOURAGE SPECIFIC ACTIVITIES, IDENTIFY RESOURCES AND ADDRESS BROAD OR SIGNIFICANT PROBLEMS. IT CANNOT COMMIT FUNDS OR APPROVE SPECIFIC PROJECTS IN ADVANCE OF RESPONSIBLE AGENCIES. ON PRIORITIES, IT WAS AGREED THAT, IN ADDITION TO THE TECHNICAL MERITS OF A PROJECT, THE FEASIBILITY OF SUCCESS, THE POTENTIAL IMPACT ON THE SOLUTION OF THE PROBLEM ADDRESSED AND THE CONCENTRATION OF RESOURCES (MULTIPLIER EFFECT) SHOULD BE TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT.

8. NEXT MEETING

SCHEDULED FOR LATE AUTUMN 1976 IN WASHINGTON. IT WAS UNCLASSIFIED

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AGREED THAT THEREAFTER MEETINGS WOULD NORMALLY BE HELD ANNUALLY. EILTS

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